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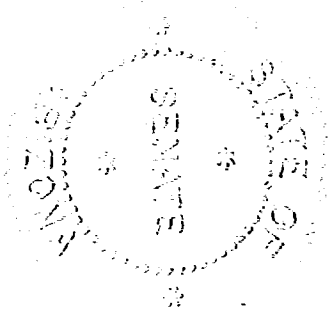
CHAPTER 166

SENATE BILL 1229

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-841.08; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1376.04; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1406.04; RELATING TO PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)



1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 4, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 20-841.08, to read:

4 20-841.08. Prohibiting denial of physical therapist contract
5 benefits

6 IF A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION OR MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATION
7 SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES, AND
8 PROVIDES BOTH AN IN-NETWORK AND OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFIT, A SERVICE CORPORATION
9 SHALL NOT DENY A CLAIM FOR COVERED PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES OBTAINED
10 OUT-OF-NETWORK SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT A PHYSICIAN DID NOT REFER THE INSURED
11 TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PRESCRIBE SPECIFIC PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES.
12 A SERVICE CORPORATION MAY IMPOSE COINSURANCE, COPAYMENTS, DEDUCTIBLES, DOLLAR
13 CAPS, LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF VISITS, PROVIDER NETWORK RESTRICTIONS OR
14 OTHER COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES AS A CONDITION OF COVERAGE OF PHYSICAL
15 THERAPY SERVICES FOR BOTH IN-NETWORK AND OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFITS.

16 Sec. 2. Title 20, chapter 6, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding section 20-1376.04, to read:

18 20-1376.04. Prohibiting denial of physical therapist contract
19 benefits

20 IF A DISABILITY INSURANCE CONTRACT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PHYSICAL
21 THERAPY SERVICES, AND PROVIDES BOTH AN IN-NETWORK AND OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFIT,
22 AN INSURER SHALL NOT DENY A CLAIM FOR COVERED PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES
23 OBTAINED OUT-OF-NETWORK SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT A PHYSICIAN DID NOT REFER
24 THE INSURED TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PRESCRIBE SPECIFIC PHYSICAL THERAPY
25 SERVICES. AN INSURER MAY IMPOSE COINSURANCE, COPAYMENTS, DEDUCTIBLES, DOLLAR
26 CAPS, LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF VISITS, PROVIDER NETWORK RESTRICTIONS OR
27 OTHER COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES AS A CONDITION OF COVERAGE OF PHYSICAL
28 THERAPY SERVICES FOR BOTH IN-NETWORK AND OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFITS.

29 Sec. 3. Title 20, chapter 6, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
30 amended by adding section 20-1406.04, to read:

31 20-1406.04. Prohibiting denial of physical therapist contract
32 benefits

33 IF A GROUP DISABILITY OR BLANKET DISABILITY INSURANCE CONTRACT PROVIDES
34 COVERAGE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES, AND PROVIDES BOTH AN IN-NETWORK AND
35 OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFIT, AN INSURER SHALL NOT DENY A CLAIM FOR COVERED
36 PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES OBTAINED OUT-OF-NETWORK SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT
37 A PHYSICIAN DID NOT REFER THE INSURED TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PRESCRIBE
38 SPECIFIC PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES. AN INSURER MAY IMPOSE COINSURANCE,
39 COPAYMENTS, DEDUCTIBLES, DOLLAR CAPS, LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF VISITS,
40 PROVIDER NETWORK RESTRICTIONS OR OTHER COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES AS A
41 CONDITION OF COVERAGE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES FOR BOTH IN-NETWORK AND
42 OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFITS.


43 Sec. 4. Effective date

44 This act applies to services rendered under contracts, policies and
45 evidences of coverage issued or renewed from and after December 31, 2002.

Passed the House April 30, 20 02,

by the following vote: 53 Ayes,

2 Nays, 5 Not Voting

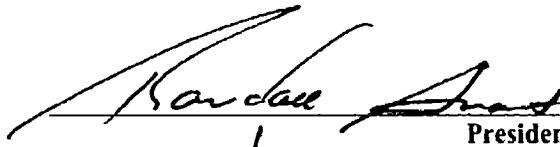

Speaker of the House



Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 28, 20 02,

by the following vote: 27 Ayes,

1 Nays, 2 Not Voting


President of the Senate

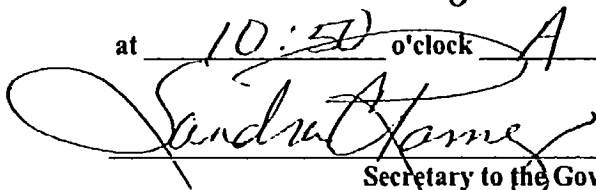

Asst. Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

1 day of May, 20 02,

at 10:50 o'clock A M.


Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 6th day of

May, 20 02,

at 3:46 o'clock P M.

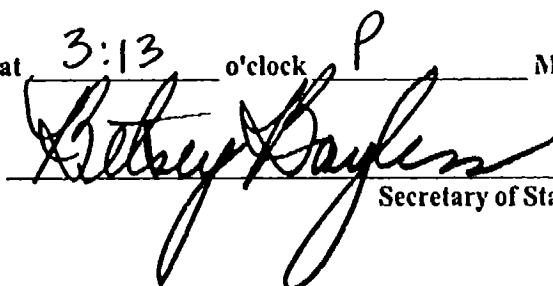

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 7 day of May, 20 02,

at 3:13 o'clock P M.


Secretary of State

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